

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED, CONTEL OF MINNESOTA, INC., d/b/a GTE MINNESOTA, AND MIDWEST WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C. | DOCKET NO. NIA-99-33 |
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**ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued January 31, 2000)

On December 1, 1999, GTE Midwest Incorporated, Contel of Minnesota, Inc., d/b/a GTE Minnesota, and Midwest Wireless Communications, L.L.C., filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for Utilities Board (Board) review pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The Board issued an order identifying the proceeding as Docket No. NIA-99-33 and allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

The parties have adopted the terms of the arbitrated interconnection agreement approved by the Board in Docket No. NIA-97-14 as the basis for their negotiated interconnection agreement. The negotiated agreement includes an adoption letter setting forth the manner in which the adopted agreement will be applied. The parties have agreed that the agreement became effective upon filing with the Board and are to remain in effect no longer than the date of the adopted agreement, which is scheduled to expire on April 6, 2000.

Pursuant to the federal statute, the Board need not review a simple adoption of the terms and conditions of an existing, approved interconnection agreement. However, in the adoption letter that accompanied this filing, it appears the parties may have negotiated sufficient changes to the underlying agreement to amount to a new negotiated agreement. The Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement if it finds either: (1) the agreement (or a portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or (2) the implementation of the agreement (or a portion thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A). Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed agreement does not discriminate against any other carrier and is not inconsistent with the public interest and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The negotiated interconnection agreement filed on December 1, 1999, by GTE Midwest Incorporated, Contel of Minnesota, Inc., d/b/a GTE Minnesota, and Midwest Wireless Communications, L.L.C., and reviewed by the Utilities Board in a proceeding identified as Docket No. NIA-99-33, is approved to be effective upon issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 31st day of January, 2000.